

GOUDHURST and HAWKHURST PARISH

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19th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C

MASS: Saturday 5.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst

**Sunday 8.30am St Barnabas, Hawkhurst Monday to Friday 9.30am Goudhurst
10.30am Goudhurst**

Baptisms and Confessions: By arrangement.

Holy Days of Obligation: Mass 9.30am and 8.00pm at Goudhurst, 11.00am at Hawkhurst.

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist: Every Wednesday morning 8.30 to 9.30am and on Friday morning 9.00am to 9.30am at the Sacred Heart Church, Goudhurst.

Anniversaries: The following anniversaries occur at this time

Marie Dowling, Ann Hawker, Claud Hosking, Brian Hughes, Marie Louise Chamberlain and Joseph Cooney. May they all rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick in the parish: Daisy and Helen Fletcher, Nuala Manwaring, Marjorie and John Dumbleton, Shirley Brady, Shirley Dore, Cynthia Raza and Philip Sheridan.

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Parish Collections: 11/12 June £397.46 of this £361.20 was Gift Aided. Thank you.

The collection for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales £116.96 thank you.

Second Collection on Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 June Day for Life *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated on **19 June**. *Day for Life* is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. The proceeds of the *Day for Life* collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Cake Stall at Goudhurst Fete A huge vote of thanks to everyone who came and helped with the cake stall and all those who baked cakes and bread. With all your help we raised £360.00 for the parish.

The Parish Council an Appeal for new Parish council members The Parish Council currently consists of a group of 7 parishioners who meet 6 times a year for a couple of hours at the Presbytery in order to support Fr Vic in managing the business of the parish; until recently we used to have 10 members including Fr Vic. The current members of the Council and their broad areas of responsibility are:-

- Chris Roome – Chair. Robert Martine - Church buildings
- Jean Shill - Parish Secretary, fund raising. Edward Hutt – readers rota Hawkhurst
- Betty Curtin -Social Events, fund raising. Brendan Coyne – Confirmation, general help
- Elizabeth Watcham – Children's Liturgy and general help in the parish
- Sub committee - Mike Iles Parish Finance and Gift Aid
- *2 Vacancies – jobs which need help; supervision of building& grounds maintenance; newsletter, office work and assistance with Safeguarding supervision.*

Most of us have served on the council for many years (4 members are now in their 70's) and - at our most recent meeting - we discussed the urgent need to think about succession planning, and the recruitment of new members in order to refresh our thinking, and to better represent the Parish and its many new younger members. We need regular support with building maintenance - and a member willing to take on the brief of leading on Social Events. We could do with some fresh ideas as well as fresh faces! So, if you could help us in any of these areas we would be delighted to hear from you! Please contact Chris Roome – 01580-891686 – chrisgk.roome@btinternet.com – for a preliminary chat if you are interested.

Pope Francis Year of Mercy Prayer

Dear Lord, Help me to be a companion in the Spirit to those with whom I share my life.

Let me not be too diffident in speaking of all the good gifts you give to me.

Help me to remember always in my prayers those who are suffering and those who have died.

Let me hold them before you, who alone are the source of all mercy and consolation.

Lord, teach me to be as gracious to others as you are to me. Use me as you will.